

HOUSE No. 2824

By Ms. Candaras of Wilbraham, petition of Gale D. Candaras and others relative to extensions of benefits for certain recipients of transitional assistance. Children and Families.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Gale D. Candaras Benjamin Swan
Cory Atkins

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT AMENDING CHAPTER 5 OF THE ACTS OF 1995.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 110, Subsection (f) of Chapter 5 of the
2 General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after the word
3 “commissioner,” in the first sentence, the following words:—
4 Provided, however, that no child under the age of 20 shall be
5 denied assistance by operation of this subsection.

1 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the
2 contrary, a recipient who is granted an extension of benefits pur-
3 suant to the second and third paragraphs of said subsection (f)
4 shall be required, as a condition of maintaining eligibility for such
5 extension, to comply with the requirements not generally applic-
6 able to recipients receiving benefits under said program. Provided
7 further that the financial benefits of those recipients who have
8 been granted an extension of benefits pursuant to the second and
9 third paragraphs of said subsection (f) shall be calculated in the
10 same manner as all other recipients.

1 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the
2 contrary, hearing officers or referees of the department of transi-
3 tional assistance shall apply the same standard of review for all

4 administrative appeals concerning extension of benefits or waivers
5 under chapter 5 of the acts of 1995 that are applied to all other
6 administrative appeals involving transitional assistance to families
7 with dependent children benefits. The department shall file a
8 report detailing its compliance with the provisions of this section,
9 including the effect of this situation on agency decisions, with the
10 joint committee on ways and means on or before January 1, 2002.